STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: July 11, 1947

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SAC Bannister of the Butte Office called at noon today and stated that a [redacted] Twin Falls, Idaho, at 2:45 a.m. Mountain Time today heard a noise in the back of her home. She thought a collision had occurred and investigated and found in the back yard of the home next door an object described as follows: b7C

A disc 30½" in diameter, circular in shape, it is dished like a saucer and actually there is a saucer within a saucer in the manner of cymbals. On one surface there is attached a plastic dome described as about 14" in diamter and affixed by 8 bolts in a rather rough manner. The bolts can best be described as similar to stove bolts. On the other surface is another dome of metal which is gold in color on one side and on the inside is silver in color, which looks like tin. Through the plastic dome can be observed three tubes similar to radio tubes and there is some wiring. The disc generally is 10" thick and at the point where the domes are located about 14" in thickness. There is an object on it similar to electric coil which has some type of an arm on it and bears the words "Inspected TS". Some of the wiring has been burned off and it looks as though something might be missing.

[redacted] stated that if this were the work of some prankster he went to quite a bit of trouble. He stated the press is aware of this incident. He stated that the disc had been picked up and was now at the Police Department, Twin Falls, Idaho. He was instructed to notify the local Army authorities of the existence of this disc. b7C

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Jersey City, [redacted]

Dear [redacted] b7C

Your letter dated July 6, 1947, has been received and I do want to thank you for making this information available to me. Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Asbury Park, New Jersey

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Federal [redacted] of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

For your information & for what ever value it may be I should like to report seeing one of these "Flying Discs" on July 4. It appeared to have started from the dance hall here at Asbury Park & momentarily I thought it was a ballon but it went in a definite direction at an apparently constant speed & gradually ascending following a path similar to the trajectory of a bullet but more pronounced. It disappeared in the distance going north along the shoreline. [illegible] Glenn Miller & Tex Beneke frequently at the dance hall.

I hope this may be of some help to you.

Yours very truly

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Jersey City, N.J.

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FBI NEW ORLEANS 7-7-47 8-02 PM CGD

DIRECTOR FBI [redacted] V E R Y U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS, MISCELLANEOUS. [redacted]

[redacted] SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA ADVISES HE OBSERVED A CIRCULAR DISC AT SIX FIVE PM THIS DATE COMING FROM NW DIRECTION. DISC LANDED IN FIFTEEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF TEXAS AVENUE. [redacted] PICKED UP DISC AT FIFTEEN FIFTY FOUR TEXAS AVENUE. DISC WHIRLING WHEN SEEN IN AIR AND FIRE SEEN SPOUTING FROM SIDES. FIRE WENT OUT ON LANDING AND SMOKE ISSUED FEW SECONDS AFTER FIRE WENT OUT. DISC PICKED UP AND NOT HOT. [redacted] NOTIFIED G-2 BARKSDALE IMMEDIATELY AND THEY TOOK DISC BEFORE SA ARRIVED. DISC DESCRIPTION-- THIN ALUMINUM DISC SIXTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER. HAS SMALL COILS TWO INCHES IN DIAMETER AND FOUR INCHES LONG AT THE ENDS OF THE DIAMETER. COILS CONNECTED BY TWO COPPER WIRES TO TWO TERMINALS ON EACH COIL AND THESE WIRES ARE CONNECTED AT THE CROSSING IN THE CENTER OF THE DISC TO AN OBJECT ONE INCH IN DIAMETER BY TWO INCHES LONG, SIMILAR TO STARTER ON FLOURESCENT LIGHT. CENTER OBJECT HAS ON UPPER END - [redacted] --MADE IN USA--MADE SOUND LIKE A POLICEMAN-S WHISTLE AND SMOOTH SIDE TOWARD EARTH IN FLIGHT. BARKSDALE FIELD AGREED IF NOT WANTED WOULD TURN OVER TO FBI IF WE WANT IT SUBJECT TO SUPERIOR INSTRUCTIONS. NAMES OF ALL PERSON WHO HANDLED DISC BEFORE ARRIVAL OF AGENT SECURED. [redacted] BARKSDALE FIELD MAKING PHOTOS. WILL SECURE AND FORWARD PHOTOS TO BUREAU. BELIEVED PRESS AWARE OF INCIDENT. [redacted] 52 JUL 9

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cc Mr. Tolson

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DIRECTOR ~~AND~~ SAC, CINCINNATI URGENT

FLYING DISC, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [redacted] HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT AN OBJECT PURPORTING TO BE A FLYING DISC WAS RE COVERED NEAR ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, THIS DATE. THE DISC IS HEXAGONAL IN SHAPE AND WAS SUSPENDED FROM A BALLON BY CABLE, WHICH BALLON WAS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FEET IN DIAMETER. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE OBJECT FOUND RESEMBLES A HIGH ALTITUDE WEATHER BALLOON WITH A RADAR REFLECTOR, BUT THAT TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION BETWEEN THEIR OFFICE AND WRIGHT FIELD HAD NOT [redacted] BORNE OUT THIS BELIEF. DISC AND BALLOON BEING TRANSPORTED TO WRIGHT FIELD BY SPECIAL PLANE FOR EXAMINAT INFORMATION PROVIDED THIS OFFICE BECAUSE OF NATIONAL INTEREST IN CASE . [redacted] AND FACT THAT NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, ASSOCIATED PRESS, AND OTHERS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK STORY OF LOCATION OF DISC TODAY. [redacted] ADVISED WOULD REQUEST WRIGHT FIELD TO ADVISE CINCINNATI OFFICE RESULTS OF EXAMINATION. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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cc - Mr. [redacted]

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : [redacted] b7C

DATE: July 12, 1947

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SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Reference is made to [redacted] memorandum to you dated July 11, in the above-captioned matter. b7C

At 11:55 P.M., July 11, I took a phone call from [redacted] of the Laurel, Maryland, Police Department. Sergeant [redacted] said that he had examined the "flying disc." He said that it had been made from a Gulf Oil sign and the top of a garbage can and had been painted with aluminum paint. It had been recently painted because the paint was still wet. Attached to it were a dry cell battery, a flashlight bulb, some wires and a buzzer. He asked if the Bureau was sending anyone out to look at it. I told him that we were not, that we had referred the matter to the Army, and suggested that he call them. b7C

I subsequently telephoned Captain [redacted] the Duty Officer at G-2, and passed on to him the information furnished by Sergeant Lonis. b7C

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G.I.R.&

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: July 11, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

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SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office called to advise he had just received a telephone call from Colonel [redacted] Reserve Officer with the Civilian Air Patrol, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Colonel [redacted] reported that at 3:30 p.m., July 10, one [redacted] at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, had found a large 17" disc which appeared to have been possibly made out of cardboard painted with silver airplane dope. In the center was a tube and a small motor with a propellor attached to the side. Colonel [redacted] expressed the opinion that this disc would not be able to fly by itself. He advised it would be taken to the Air Corps Headquarters. Colonel [redacted] advised, however, that [redacted] did not want to release the disc without FBI approval.

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I instructed Mr. Johnson to advise the Air Corps officer to get in touch with Colonel [redacted] and tell him he saw no reason for the Bureau to attempt to secure the release of the material since it was not in our custody and we had no control. He stated the press was also calling concerning this matter. I instructed him to make no comment to the press.

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G.I.R.S

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted] Flying Disc

DATE: July 11, 1947

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At 10:45 PM on the evening of July 11, 1947, Clerk [redacted] of the Washington Field Office called and stated that at the instruction Mr. Hennrich ~~he wanted~~ to pass on to the Bureau information he had just received from one [redacted] Laurel, Maryland, to the effect that a "flying disc" had just landed in [redacted] yard "and the machinery is still buzzing." [redacted] stated [redacted] was apparently so excited he had a difficult time even getting his name out, and no further detail could be obtained from him. b7C

At 10:50 PM I passed the above information on to [redacted] duty offic at G-2 who indicated he had also received the same data from another source, and would pass our information along to appropriate army quarters. b7C

[redacted] of the AP called at about 10:55 PM and asked whether the Bureau had received any report on a "flying disc" in Laurel Maryland. After checking with Mr. Nichols I told him we had received such a report and had passed it on to army authorities. b7C

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PHONE 636 BOOTH PHONE 814 LOCATED IN SUP[illegible] DISTRICT

HOTEL WOODSTOCK
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

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G. I. R. -5

Dear Mr Hoover: Flying Saucers

In today's paper I see more news concerning the flying saucers. Now those are without a doubt from Russia. See they are likely checking how completely they can cover the U.S. in Patrol. — I feel it is wrong for us to report aeros in which they are seen.

In traveling I read by a spiritualist & women sure what she was — I take Bob from much information as I could — I become interested when she said — Russia has a poison which she will place in an atom bomb that will destroy not one city but dozens of cities — so when I read the flying saucers [illegible] under it Russia how it perfected a device which [illegible] RECORDED & INDEXED 54 [illegible] 83 894 14 [illegible] 183 F whole country in one shot — See the [illegible] JUL 14 1947 saucers were reported in mid. Ga. New Orleans [illegible] These home-less discs appeal and to determine what area they cover — We are foolish to give

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them. Tol information—

Now this woman may only be guessing but it should not be passed up — The name she gave me—

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(Milwaukee, Wis.)

Why do we wait till we are destroyed or nearly so before we act—?

If we are all ready in 3 seconds the war will end all—It seems to me we already in the latent event—

Let our War Dept. take notice—It's no time to sleep—We should secretly dispatch men—bone all other guns set for a moment's notice—We must be ready. But can we afford to wait if Russia plans destroying us—in our shoes I Why not let them have it and have it in big doses first—That's the only way I can see coming out of it at all—

Sincerely

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 8, 1947

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS OR SAUCERS
MISCELLANEOUS
TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. FLETCHER
AT THE BUREAU AT 8:30 AM, 7/7/47

ATTENTION: [redacted]

b7C

Attached are newspaper clippings from the Milwaukee Sentinel and Milwaukee Journal of July 7, 1947.

For the Bureau's information, United Press and Associated Press telephoned me at my residence about three or four times between 1:00 A.M. and 2:30 A.M., July 7, 1947. The United Press representative informed me that Father JOSEPH BRASKY had stated on interview by a Milwaukee Sentinel reporter, one BILL WEEKS, (Phonetic) that he, Father BRASKY, was going to call the FBI concerning the contraption, which apparently was identical with one of the flying discs recently publicized throughout the country. The United Press representative desired to know if we had any statement to make on the matter. I informed him that I had no official comment, other than "No Comment."

Since I have contacted the United Press representative on various occasions, I asked him what the actual details were, and he stated he did not know except that the interview of the priest reflected that a circular saw had been found with some devices attached to it.

The Associated Press called me shortly after the United Press representative did, and on being advised that I had no comment to make concerning the story, I asked the Associated Press representative what the actual facts were, and he informed me that as far as the Associated Press was concerned, the facts were that a circular saw had been found and a story had been obtained from a priest who had been drinking quite heavily. The Associated Press representative informed me that apparently the United Press desired to get a statement from me denying or affirming that the FBI was investigating the matter. I informed the Associated Press representative that apparently someone was suffering under a misinterpretation of any comment I had made, and possibly some reporter was in an embarrassing position if a story had gone out over the wire services.

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I then telephoned the United Press representative, who apparently in the meantime had been called by the Associated Press in an effort to straighten out the United Press. No reference was made to the FBI in the Milwaukee Sentinel article appearing July 7, 1947, but the Milwaukee Journal article, which is attached, referred to an alleged statement by Father BRASKY that he attempted to get in touch with an FBI Agent whom he knows. Father BRASKY has never contacted the Milwaukee FBI Office or any Agent concerning his find. In my opinion, this is just another hoax story, since a photograph of Father BRASKY with the saw indicates no basis for any investigation by any authority.

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'Saucer' Stories Disk Found Is

Priest Hears a 'Bang,' Discovers a Circular Blade With Teeth; Other Disks 'Seen'

Picture on Picture Page

The "what is it?" which Father Joseph Brasky said he found early Sunday on the lawn of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Grafton may be just another gadget to add to Father Brasky's already sizable collection.

Those who saw it Sunday said "what is it?" was a circular saw blade with a few wires attached. Father Brasky, who said he knew of no sawmills in the area, would not claim it was a "flying saucer" when he called newspapermen to his home.

"It may or may not be one of those flying disks that have been reported all over the country," he said. "Let's just call it a 'what is it?' "

Meanwhile, in Milwaukee and other points in Wisconsin, several persons reported seeing the "flying saucers." Father Brasky's disk, however, was the only case here in which the "landing" of a "saucer" was reported.

Hears "Bang," Finds Disk

Father Brasky gave the following account of how he found the object, a steel plate 19 inches in diameter, about an eighth of an inch thick and with saw teeth.

"I usually get up about 5 a.m. on Sundays. I was at the front door of my house, about to take my dog out for a walk, when I heard a 'bang!' like a big firecracker. I stepped outside and found this disk on the church lawn.

"Although the grass was still wet from the night rain, the disk was too hot to pick up. I noticed the glass ball had been knocked off one of the lightning rods on the church, so I suppose it struck that in landing."

Tries to Call FBI Man

Father Brasky said he did not bother to show the disk to any of his parishioners Sunday. He tried to telephone an FBI agent whom he knows, but was unable to reach him Sunday, he added. Asked whether it could have been the work of a practical joker, Father Brasky replied: "Could be. I don't know."

The disk, apparently of steel, had a one and three-eighth inch hole in the center. Through it ran a few wires. To each end of the cluster of wires was attached what looked like a small condenser about three inches long. The condenserlike objects were wrapped in black tape which still was sticky. The disk was greasy and somewhat dirty. Stamped on it was: "Approved, Dunlap."

Father Brasky declined to part with the disk. He showed a number of items in his trinket collection. All of them had something to do with fishing, Father Brasky's favorite sport. They included his "bass bottles," beer bottles with the head of a fish — and a fish pole from Manila which folds up into a cane. When opened, it extends to 12 feet.

"I use it in reaching folks who can't be touched with a 10 foot pole," Father Brasky quipped.

Others Report "Saucers"

Father Brasky also passed out copies of his recent publication, "Fish Tales."

"I'm going to revise this thing," he explained. "I've got some new and better tales to put in it."

There were other reports around Milwaukee and Wisconsin of "flying saucers." Mrs. Anthony Hoffman, 3410 W. Layton av., said she and her husband saw one at 8:25 p.m. Sunday flying toward Billy Mitchell field from the northwest. When it neared the field, it veered toward the south and disappeared, she said. It was flying high and appeared illuminated, according to Mrs. Hoffman.

"It looked like a small meat platter," Mrs. Hoffman asserted.

Glenn Rowden of Detroit claimed he saw a "saucer," about 50 inches in diameter, over Billy Mitchell field at 10:05 p.m. when he alighted from an airplane. He said it was in sight for 90 seconds.

William Humphrey, who lives with his wife in a quonset hut at 3148 S. 20th st., telephoned police at 9 p.m. Sunday that he and Mrs. Humphrey had seen a slightly illuminated disk which appeared to fall to earth near Pulaski high school. Mrs. Humphrey said Monday that her husband tried unsuccessfully to photograph the disk.

Changed Colors, He Says

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th st., claimed he saw three of them flying through the air in a northwesterly direction at 6 p.m. Sunday. They turned from orange to gold to silver before disappearing, he said.

Reports came also from Janesville, where Mr. and Mrs. Alva Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth reported seeing a flying disk about 11:35 p.m. Saturday. The Roths were leaving the Sievert home when Sievert saw it, according to Roth. It appeared to be several thousand feet up and about 10 miles away, Roth said. He described it as vaguely resembling the moon and as having a regular motion in a counterclockwise, elongated orbit. It appeared to Roth to be moving faster than an airplane. He said it was yellow on its face, but when it turned it looked silver.

Roth said that the four of them viewed the disk for 10 minutes.

Stopped in Sky, Claim

"It fluttered around, faded out and came back again, and once it just stopped and hung there for about two minutes," Roth said. "The last time we saw it, it had a very

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ENCLOSURE

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'Saucer' Tales Buzz in State

Disk Found by a Priest Is Circular Saw; Others Seen by Milwaukeeans

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noticeable tail. When it disappeared entirely, it just popped *out.*"

Janesville police reported a telephone call from a Dick Thompson, who said he saw flying disks about 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

At Oshkosh, Mrs. L. A. Davis reported that she and her husband had sighted one of the mysterious disks whizzing over the city at 6:45 p.m. Sunday.

She said they were driving on a town road six miles west of Oshkosh, headed east toward the city, when they first sighted the object "flying very fast and very high."

At first, she said, it looked like an airplane and then loomed larger and larger until it "appeared as big as the sun."

Stops Car, Disk Vanishes

Her husband stopped the car so that they could get a better look at the disk, which appeared round and silvery, but by the time they got out of the car the object had disappeared, she said.

At Green Bay, Eugene Le Plant reported that he and his 12 year old son, Duane, had seen a rapidly moving silver ball or disk about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday while working in his garden on the western edge of the city. Le Plant said he saw the object silhouetted against a dark cloud to the north and that he and his son watched it for three or four minutes while it moved away to the northwest. Le Plant said he could not estimate the altitude or distance, but that it "definitely was not an airplane."

Laws of Eyesight Clarify Reports of Flying Saucers

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Editor

New York, N. Y.—The flying saucers may be explained by certain laws of eyesight.

All objects appear round or nearly so at any distance close to the limit of how far a person can see.

If the objects are seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, they are almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections.

Descriptions of virtually all the saucers as round and flat fit exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island sound, not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast. But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight and back into sight again, resembles what can be seen while watching distant airplanes.

Whether planes are guided, pilotless or jet, they all would look the same at great distances.

Mirages, Traveler Says

Philadelphia, Pa. —(AP)— Dr. Aurel Aczel, editor of a Hungarian language newspaper, expressed belief that the flying saucers were mirages—possibly circularly distorted reflections of real airplanes many miles away. A world-wide traveler, Dr. Aczel said:

"Years ago I have seen similar things on the Egyptian desert and on the Buszta (Hungarian plain). At sea I have also seen mirages of ships known to be a great distance away.

"In July and August, and sometimes even in June, atmospheric conditions are especially adaptable to the creation of mirages."

Sharp-Eyed Sight Disks, but Only a Saw Blade Is Found

Who, what, where, why are flying disks? The year's biggest mystery produced these Sunday photos while reports came from everywhere and everyone that the saucers were everywhere. Top left, a movie camera is fitted to a P-51 fighter plane at Portland, Ore., as Oregon national guard planes are made ready to chase the disks. Lower, Mrs. Walter Johnson (right) of Spokane, Wash., and her children pose and tell how they saw the saucers land on a mountainside in Idaho and disappear. Right, is Father Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Grafton, Wis., with the disk he reported struck his church early Sunday. It turned out that the disk was a prankster made projectile, featuring a Dunlop circular saw blade. Note that something apparently took a glass ball off one of the lightning rods. A whole lot of Milwaukeeans reported that they saw the saucers traveling past Sunday night. —*AP Wirephotos and Journal Staff*

Seen In 36 States; Jet Fighters Alerted

SAN FRANCISCO, July [illegible] — Military aircraft hunted the skies over Pacific Coast states today for sight of the mysterious "flying saucers" that for 12 days have puzzled the entire country.

Early reports of results were negative.

Five P-51s of the Oregon National Guard cruised over the Cascade Mountains of Washington—the area where the strange objects first were reported sighted. A sixth circled over Portland, in constant radio contact with the other five. All carried photographic equipment.

Col. G. R. Dodson, commanding, described their flight as a "routine patrol," but said they had been instructed to watch for the flying discs.

At Manhattan Beach, Calif., A. W. McKelvey took a Mustang fighter plane up above Van Nuys. For two hours he cruised at 35,000 feet, but "didn't see a thing."

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commandant of the Army Air Forces, was on a Pacific Northwest fishing trip. He denied knowing anything about the flying discs — or of plans to use AAF planes to look for them.

JET FIGHTER SET

"I've been out of touch with things for four or five days," he said.

Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, yesterday in Columbus, O., said he understood Spaatz had a "group out right now" looking for discs.

At Muroc Army Air Field in California a P-80 jet fighter stood ready to take off the moment any flying saucers are sighted in that area.

A cautious attitude marked both official and scientific comments, but Capt. Tom Brown of the Air Forces Public Relations staff in Washington acknowledged the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking up on it for days.

SEEN IN 36 STATES

First sighted June 25 and greeted generally with scornful laughs, the objects have been reported every day since by observers in 36 states. Most of the objects were reported seen July 4. A few were reported yesterday.

Such competent observers as airline pilots said they had seen the totally unexplained discs or saucers, larger than aircraft and flying in "loose formation" at high speed.

David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said they had nothing to do with atomic experiments, and Army and Navy officials also entered positive disclaimers.

Newspaper stories quoting an unidentified California Institute of Technology scientist as saying the phenomena might have something to do with experiments in "transmutation of atomic energy" caused a brief sensation late yesterday. The institute quickly denied the report.

Reports generally agreed that the flying objects were round or oval. Estimates of their speed ranged from about 300 to 1,200 miles an hour. They were described as flying with an undulating motion at heights of 10,000 feet and less. Some described them as glowing, or luminous.

'PROPELLER IN CENTER'

Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, said he saw one of the strang objects near Pattonville yesterday. It was flying at 300 feet, he said.

He described it as circular, with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. Hart said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

First, published reports of the phenomena occurred June 25. Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Ida., businessman pilot, told of seeing nine of the discs flying in formation at 1,200 miles an hour over the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

SEEN BY 200

Arnold's account was taken lightly. Various explanations were offered—"reflections," "persistent vision," "snow blindness."

Soon afterward other individuals—in New Mexico, Missouri, California and other states—reported they also had seen the flying objects.

Then on Independence Day 200 persons in one group and 60 in another saw them in Idaho. Hundreds of others in Oregon, Washington and other western states reported seeing them.

July 4 also brought first reports of the flying discs from east of the Mississippi. Since then they have been reported seen in widely separated sections of the country—in 33 states in all.

'Must Be Insane'

LONDON, July 6—(AP)—Don't mention those flying saucers on this side of the Atlantic unless you're prepared for an argument about your sanity.

Maybe they have been seen by sober citizens over a vast area of the United States, but Europe won't believe in them until somebody lassoes one and has it photographed by Frank Sinatra, the British ambassador and five Supreme Court justices.

"America's reply to the Loch Ness monster," chortled today's Sunday dispatch, referring to Britain's hoariest tall story—the serpent that is "seen" romping in Scotland's Loch Ness every time the tourist trade needs a shot in the arm.

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Planes Chasing Disks Find Only Empty Sky

Jokesters Add Some Comedy to Air Mystery

East St. Louis Objects Prove to Be Washers; Chicago Woman Spots One With Legs

By the United Press

Army pilots were ready Monday for another air search for the mysterious "flying saucers" now reported seen in 39 states and parts of Canada as practical jokesters added to the confusion.

Equipped with telescopic cameras, 11 army planes searched the Pacific northwest Sunday without finding any trace of the flying disks which had been reported over scores of communities the preceding two days. At Sioux Falls, S. D., a national guard plane already in the air was ordered to investigate a silvery disk with a short tail which Gregory Zimmer said he saw shoot across the heavens. The pilot found nothing but empty sky.

The army "camera patrol" over the Cascade mountains Sunday included eight P-51 pursuit ships and three A-26 bombers.

Illusions Or Jokes

There was growing belief that the concentrated aerial search would show the saucers to be optical illusions or the work of practical jokesters magnified by aroused imaginations.

A number of "disks" whirled over rooftops in East St. Louis, Ill., Sunday. J. T. Hartley, a locomotive engineer, gathered some of them up and found they were made of pressed white paper, 11 inches in diameter and with a two inch hole in the center. Railroad workers said they looked like locomotive packing washers.

A radio announcement that disks were flying over Lewiston, Idaho, Sunday sent hundreds into their yards for a look. Weatherman Louis Krezak said the objects were moving eastward with the prevailing wind and probably were weed seeds. Three air transport pilots agreed.

Searchlights on Clouds

A Birmingham radio station was deluged with more than 400 calls in one hour by persons who said they saw fluorescent balls circling over the city and clearly outlined against near-by mountains. A carnival at Alabaster, Ala., was playing searchlights on cloud wisps.

An argument raged at Lodi, Calif., over the cause of a spectacular glow in the sky and a roar shortly before electrical power went off. Mrs. W. C. Smith said she heard a noise "like a four motored bomber" just before the lights went off at dawn. Erving Newcomb of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. offered the explanation that a low flying crop dusting plane probably had struck a power line and burned out a transformer. However, no planes were reported damaged and no one could explain what a crop dusting plane was doing in the air at dawn on Sunday. It was the first time any noise had been attributed to flying saucers.

J. U. Watts, jr., Darlington (S. C.) attorney, said he saw an army pursuit plane chasing a V-formation of flying saucers at 250 miles an hour 3,000 feet high. However, no pilot reported such a chase.

Saw One With Legs

Meantime, authorities were plagued with reports that bordered on the fantastic. An excited Chicago woman reported that she had seen a flying saucer with legs. "I was standing on my porch and I thought for sure it was coming right down and slap me in the face," she said.

George Kuger of Denver said he saw a flying disk with an American flag on it.

Francis Howell, Tempe, Ariz., claimed he saw a saucer two feet in diameter disappear behind a row of trees near his home. When he rushed to inspect it, he said, the flat, thin, aluminumlike disk took off at a "high rate of speed" toward Phoenix, nine miles away.

Mrs. Walter Johnson returned to Spokane, Wash., after a vacation near St. Maries, Idaho, and after reading newspaper reports of the flying saucers said she and several others had seen speeding shiny objects "as big as a four or five room house" disappear into the forest covered mountains.

The first of the saucers over New York State was reported by Mrs. Kenneth Wohley of Rochester, N. Y., who said she and her husband saw an object "about the size of an ordinary saucer" flying above her back yard at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Give 'Em Room

Newport News, Va.—Peninsula airport here is taking no chances with flying saucers. Pilots reporting Monday to take out planes found this notice on the bulletin board: "Two thousand feet vertical and horizontal clearance required between aircraft operating from this field and any flying saucers."

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New Jersey residents said they "thought" they saw flying disks over Palisades Park and near-by Bergenfield Sunday night.

Skeptical scientists recalled the mysterious "rockets" seen over Sweden last year. Eighty per cent of the "ghost rockets" proved to be meteors, and Swedish officials said the others could be discounted as pure imagination.

Scientists asserted that the objects in order to be seen clearly at 10,000 feet—the level at which most of the saucers have been reported—would have to be 20 feet in diameter, would require a large mass of metal, would be more conspicuous at night and would be seen by a far greater number of persons.

Dr. J. S. Nassau, director of the Warner & Swasey observatory at the Case Institute of Technology at Cleveland, said he was inclined to "think the reports are fancies."

Capt. Tom Brown, army air force spokesman at Washington, said the army was trying to run the reports to earth.

"We're not dismissing the possibility that there's something to it," he said, "and we're not dismissing the possibility that it's all a hoax."

U. S. Planes Hunting Discs, Russ Tells of 'Atom Saucers'

FBI Probes Story of Soviet Ship Officer

LOS ANGELES, July 6—(Special)—Federal agents today investigated a letter to the Examiner describing Russian supersonic atom-powered planes resembling the "flying saucers."

A top flight atomic scientist to whom the Examiner referred the letter said it was "not all nonsense," and suggested the matter be turned over to the FBI.

The letter writer said he got the information from an officer aboard a Russian tanker recently in Los Angeles harbor.

KILLED EVEN WORMS

The Russian, he said, also described experiments with controlled radioactive clouds in the Arctic, where birds, animals and even worms were killed.

The planes, as described by the Russian to the writer, are only 8 inches thick, with a kidney-shaped outline and no propellors.

The pilot lies on his stomach and is artificially cooled against the heat developed by air friction.

"The outer surface is highly polished," the Russian said. "Both upper and lower surfaces are convex, like a giant lens. The lifting force is an entirely different principle found about 40 years ago among unpublished papers of a Russian chemist.

"Energy is required only for climbing, but no energy is needed for support when the airplane goes along the earth's gravitational contour lines."

The writer of the strange letter said he met the Russian officer in Wilmington and, because he wanted to hear about Russia, invited him to dinner.

The Russian first asked where he could sell 18 polar bear pelts which he received "for very dangerous work."

He said he had been assigned to go over the route of the radioactive cloud near Lake Bakal (or Baykal) and pick up dead animals.

ALL LIFE DESTROYED

"They loaded a few small ships with all kinds of animals and directed the cloud over them," the writer said.

"During this experiment, a violent storm blew the cloud far north into the tundra, but before it dissipated it destroyed all life on its way.

"The cloud may be controlled from land, from a plane or from a robot-piloted 'leader.' As I understand it, the control is based on electro-magnetic waves and the cloud has two components: The carrier and the killer."

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Quirks of Eyesight May Explain Disc Mystery

By HOWARD BLAKESLEE
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK, July 6—(AP)—Certain laws of human eyesight will explain much of what has been described about the flying saucers reported from nearly all parts of the United States.

At any distance which is close to the limit of how far a person can see, all objects appear round or nearly so. This law of sight covers both small things seen nearby and large ones at great distances.

Regardless of shape, the object near the limit of sight looks round. If the thing is silhouetted against a bright sky, as some of the flying saucers have been reported, then it is more likely to reveal its true shape.

HAVE 'NO STRUCTURE'

If the thing is seen by reflected light, as in most cases reported, it is almost certain to be round, and if the reflections are sunlight, then the sizes reported are those which would be expected from distant light reflections.

The one outstanding fact about virtually all the saucers is that they had no structure — they seemed merely round and flat. That description fits exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting.

This writer has seen flying saucers over Long Island Sound near his home, not only this year but in previous years. They were round, bright and moving fast.

NOT A MYSTERY

But they were no mystery because they were light reflected from the bodies of airplanes that soon identified themselves by changing course and coming near enough to be seen distinctly.

Last week this writer also saw one oval flying form which for a moment looked exactly like the photograph of the oval object taken by Yeoman Frank Ryman north of Seattle, Wash. The Long Island oval came closer and turned into an airplane.

Planes at great distances tend to look round when light is reflected from their sides. Many descriptions of movements of the flying saucers fit with the common maneuvers of airplanes, singly or in groups.

They fit also with what birds look like, flying at a considerable distance. However the bird illusion is not very common. Some of the maneuvering reported, which took saucers out of sight and back into sight again resembles what can be seen while watching distance airplanes.

SPEED MYSTERY

There is no explanation for reported speeds of 1,000 or more miles an hour. Meteors, although they go much faster than that, do not explain it because the saucers mostly appear in daytime and there are not enough daylight meteors.

Ice crystals forming little round clouds have been suggested. But these fail to fit in most cases because the ice crystals form at altitudes which are higher than most of the saucers reported.

Nothing published in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft.

One scientist today said that at least a lot of saucers are explained by the force of suggestion which causes a person to say to himself:

"Oh, gee, I see it too."

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'Saucers' Fly Here; Grafton Disc Joke

What was reported as a "flying disc" which struck a church in Grafton early yesterday turned out to be a circular saw with two small tubes and several wires attached to it. Father Joseph Brasky, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, holds the "disc" and points to the lightning rod on the church (arrow), which he said was struck by the disc. Sentinel Photo by Ernest Anheuser.

The mystery of the "flying ...scs," strange luminous objects ...en speeding across the sky in ...nany states, turned to Wiscon...in yesterday when several per...ons reported them at Milwaukee ...nd Janesville.

Mystery was added to mystery ...hen Father Joseph Brasky, pas...or of St. Joseph's Church at ...rafton, Wis., reported a missile ...urtled through the air early yes...erday, knocked the ball off the ...hurch lightning rod, and landed ...n the front lawn.

...IRES AND TUBES

It was a large circular saw—...t 16 inches in diameter—and ...s hot when Father Brasky ...cked it from the lawn.

There were wires and two tubes ...ttached to it. The tubes were an ...nch in diameter and three inches ...ng.

One theory was that pranksters or belated Fourth of July celebrants had attached explosives to the saw, and sent it skimming through the air.

Father Brasky said he heard a swishing noise and a sizzling at 5 a. m., followed a second later with a thud and an explosion.

An excited resident telephoned to Billy Mitchell Field, and said he saw 15 flying saucers, in U formation, heading north over Granville, at 10:05 p. m. He hung up before his name could be procured.

A passenger aboard a New York-Detroit-Milwaukee plane, which landed at Billy Mitchell Field at 10:05 p. m., told employes in the office of Northwest Airlines, Inc., he saw a flying saucer bobbing up and down over the airfield just after he had alighted from the plane.

Other passengers with him also saw it, he said. He gave the name of J. W. Rowden of Detroit. Despite its bobbing, the saucer was going at great speed, and was out of sight in a few seconds, he said. Rowden is stopping at the Plaza Hotel.

DISCS HAD TAILS

Erwin Rottman, 1328 N. 19th St., said he saw three of them, with tails, flying northwest to southeast, as he stood at N. 18th and W. Vliet Sts. They turned from gold to another color and then to silver, he said.

Frank Phifer, stopping at the Maryland Hotel, said he saw three balls of fire shoot across Lake Michigan at 8:20 last night, about a mile from shore, and "going at terrific speed."

What he described as an illuminated saucer was seen last night by William Humphrey, 3148 S. 20th St., he said. It was zigzagging directly over the Heil Co. plant, said Humphrey, and seemed to land in a wooded area nearby.

REPORTED IN JANESVILLE

Four Janesville residents reported they had seen a flying disc Saturday night. They are Mr. and Mrs. Al Sievert and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roth.

They saw the disc flying in a northwesterly direction from Janesville at a "terrific speed." They viewed it for 20 minutes. It was yellow-golden, and seemed to turn at times to a silvery color, they stated. An oval flight pattern was followed. Then, they said, tails appeared on the disc and shortly afterwards it disappeared.

John Bosch, 4377 S. Adams St., Milwaukee, a machinist, insisted he saw two flashing saucer-shaped objects pass over Billy Mitchell Field shortly after midnight yesterday. They were close enough so he could definitely state they were not shooting stars, nor airplanes, he said. Bosch's home is near the airport.

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HAS REVEALED
THE "SAUCER"
SECRET.
YOU CAN'T
HIDE ANYTHING
FROM US &
OUR AGENTS
LIKE WINCHELL
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TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: 7-10-47

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C
Informant

[redacted] 9 Flying Disc

There is being attached hereto a Western Union telegram received from the above individual in which information is furnished concerning a "disc." This telegram has been acknowledged.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this telegram be turned over to the Liaison Section in order that they may make the information contained therein available to the War Department.

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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MAIL ROOM
WASHINGTON

Yoakum, July 12, 1947.

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Dear Edgar:

FLYING FILE

I do send to you something new from Texas. Flying of fire balls around the Texas and the people are afraid of it. And Granville Cicero, not far away from Yoakum, saw down a meteor and light from it. Anyway got in this friendly enemy or may I mis and I want mind the Texas.

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They did start in Texas City despite the factory.

In the Private part of Navy Airport and Road Conditions States are such as my life that, We do not know how are there. Now got new airplas here, not hangars and Broad casting tower, with light, on rolling towers and light are like needles to our eyes.

And got the light around the whole airport and train the lights is running.

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talking with him

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are in citizen United
States, and speak, En-
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Czechoslovakia.

The Galveston Board are men we trust. Germans and they all are working for Germans.

See such treachery we got in Texas and name the Alamo. Great is saint, to Texas people, fighting against the Mexican Santa Ana.

And I am ending with words:

Remember Alamo and Texas City.

Mrs. [redacted] b7C

Mrs. [redacted] b7C

...o Dennis, who, in 1946, won ... ping with an essay ...d ... Sears-Roebuck con- ... Again, in February 1947, he ...d a calf in the Hallettsville ... Club Show, and out of 12 ... awarded he took fifth

... Brenek is Sweet Home's ...mistress.

Growing

...mateurs' Display ...xcellent Form

...akum softball teams showed ...of good playing in the games ...d at the Bulldog Stadium ...week.

...teams, organized by var- ...merchants and concerns in ... are composed of members ...amateur standing who have some previous experience with ...-lot or school ball playing. ...ever, some of the players ...shown such expert ball- ...ling and sportsmanship that ...believe they are not ... out of place. The ... who organized these ... certainly doing their ... recreation ... people of ...
...merchants or concerns who ... to organize a team may ...n all the particulars from ...h McMaster of the Firestone ...e on Lott Street, or from ... R. C. McClendon at Lack's ...ociate Store on West Grand. ... boys or men wishing to play ...one of the teams may make ...lication at the Firestone Store, ...k's, Rohan's Service Station, Hamilton's Jewelry Store, de-...

District Attorney Joseph W. Cash.

If the present r... ...tery of flying disks are con... with radar or guided miss... experiments, the law might apply, he said.

The law applies whether the information is released accidentally, "through gross negligence," or "with intent to injure the United States or aid some foreign nation," according to the act.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1946 provides even stricter penalties for revealing information, Mr. Cash said. Public Law 585 of the Seventy-Ninth Congress provides death or life imprisonment, after due process of law, for disclosing atomic information with intent to injure the United States.

For accidental disclosures a fine of up to $20,000 and imprisonment up to 20 years are provided, Mr. Cash pointed out.

Gas Truck Hits Local Station

A gasoline trailer truck of the Texas Consolidated Transport Co. ran into a heavy pipe upright in front of Rohan's Service Station Monday, doing some damage to the station and more to the truck.

The truck was coming from town, along West Grand, and turned into the station. As the driver cut the cab back to swing the trailer into position, the cab ... the steel pipe, roof support on the ... of the truck, bending it considerably. The truck itself suffered a bent bumper and a smashed fender. A gasoline pump directly behind the upright was not damaged by the crash.

Lions To Make ...

...with...

Mrs. Valentine said neig... ing negro families thought ... world was coming to an ... and began praying as the ... of fire gamboled overhead.

Mrs. Lorens Shrader, ... Springs reported she saw a ... red ball streaking overhead ... night.

Mrs. Marian Reed, farm... found what she believed was ... of a flying disk. It landed in ... back yard while she was h... out the clothes yesterday ... noon. She admitted she ... frightened. She described it ... round piece of tinfoil eight ... es wide, scorched or burne... round the edges. Both sides ... shiny, but one side was m... with black, stenciled lines a ...ter-inch apart. She said th... foil dropped straight down ... the sky.

She lifted it with a stic... it in a tin can, and drove ... miles to Gunter, 20 miles ... west of Sherman. Scores c... about to see it.

At Melissa, Collin County ... Marie Killian and Mrs. Kay ... reported seeing a strange ... at 8:40 p. m. yesterday.

Charles Calhoun, and his ...er, W. J. Calhoun, prom... Grayson County farmers ... they saw a disk yesterda... Sherman.

Cuero Residen... See Flying Dis...

Cuero has finally prod... first flying disc.

It was reported by Mrs ... Haak of 410 Stockdale str... both she and her husband ...

However, Mrs. Haak's ... disc is no particular mys... her. She thinks she kno... what caused it.

It was simply a reflecti... an airplane, she said.

Sitting on the porch ...

MEMBER OF AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS
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eet Home Boy Winner In

ssay Contest

the second time in the past of months a Sweet Home has brought honor to his unity by winning literary holastic acclaim.

to achieve himself was u Anthony Matusek, Yoa- High School graduate who a scholarship to A. and M. ge. Now word reaches us Dennis Brenek, eleven-year- son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. k of Sweet Home has been ed a prize of a $25 Savings in the KTRH Farm Essay st.

nis won sixth place with his on the subject "How Radio Best Serve the Farm and rm Home." In commenting s essay, George Roesner, Farm and Ranch Director f "Your essay contained cellent ideas which no

FIRST ITS FLYING DISKS — NOW ITS "FIRE BALLS" PEOPLE SEE

A lot of Texans are disk-pos- ed with the "flying" saucers, but others are just plain disk-turbed.

Flying balls of fire circled a wide area around Palestine, and some negroes, believing the end of the world was near, began praying. A white man grabbed a rifle and shot at the mysterious objects.

Sheriff Paul Stanford of Anderson County described them as orange basketballs of fire.

It was the first time the aerial objects were reported in that area. Residents of the Brushy Creek community, 15 miles northeast of Palestine, called Sheriff Stanford about 8:30 last night, saying 12 balls were flying in a straight line over the community. Then, they reported, the balls formed a circle which began moving toward Palestine.

By 9 p. m. hundreds of Palestine spectators reported seeing as many as three balls in the sky at once, moving in a circle. Sheriff Stanford discounted any suggestion that the balls originated from a spotlight.

Bud Everett, druggist, chased them for a better view. He said they finally disappeared about 11 p. m.

Mrs. Horace Valentine said she saw two perfectly round balls that "nearly scared me to death" when they appeared over her home. She said they

Revealing Flying Disk Data May Bring Prosecution

Anyone willfully communicating information bearing on the defense or security of the nation

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: July 7, 1947

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

At 10:45 a.m., July 7, 1947, I talked to SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office concerning the United Press item appearing in the Washington Post for Monday, July 7, with reference to a flying disc or flying saucer allegedly reported to the Milwaukee Office by Reverend Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Church, Grafton, Wisconsin.

SAC Johnson advised that the Associated Press and the United Press between the hours 1:00 and 6:00 a.m. today had made inquiry of him as to whether anything had been reported to the Milwaukee Office. He declined to comment. He stated as a matter of fact the priest had not made any contact with him, and he learned from the Associated Press that the priest was intoxicated and as far as the Associated Press was concerned they were not releasing the story because all that was involved was a circular saw. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel apparently sent the report out and that they handled United Press service. He stated a photograph of the priest was in this morning's paper holding a circular saw which apparently covers the body of the priest from arm pit to arm pit. Attached to the saw are several wires and two small tubes described as about three inches long and one inch in diameter. The news item in the Milwaukee Sentinel indicates it was believed some prankster had thrown it into the yard, perhaps with a firecracker attached. Mr. Johnson stated the Milwaukee Sentinel had stated the priest would make a report of this matter today to the Milwaukee Office. I instructed SAC Johnson in the event the priest made a report to furnish details of the report immediately, but in view of the nature of the information in his possession, no inquiry should be conducted at the present.

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Boston Mass.
July 14, '47.

G.I.R.-5

Dear Sir:

May I call your kind attention to the [illegible] criticism in some papers, of people who reported the "Flying Saucers," especially the article in the [illegible] Post, by a writer called Kinden. Also, an

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[redacted] criticism
of people who make
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accomplishments alone
count, publicly, in
articles. It is a
poor way to thank
leaders for their
services, when some-
thing will happen when
they are needed, these people
probably will not bother

[redacted] b7C

July 11, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?

What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifestations are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary advance is coming?

Will it make your life brighter, happier, more useful?

We believe one of these startling discs is on its way to you. Then the secret will be out.

The Combined and Amalgamated Committee
of Sky-Scanners, Disc Decipherers and
New-Product Introducers.

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KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

I have also seen a flying saucer.

the evening of July 4- about 10:30 PM - only it was in the air at the same level as two obvious portions of light in the search light beams from the air field near Lake St. Clair. I was sitting on my porch at the time. A few trucks could with proper equipment create the same illusion. There were two clearly outlined beams - one partly faded out to the land. The saucer appeared when the third beam faded out from the ground to the saucer. Recently I mentioned the distressed ships in the Pacific not being due entirely to natural phenomena and co-ordinating that ship, the bomb

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disaster soon; & I had again mentioned the stab murder case - the recent Manilla story — are the "flying saucers" - army or vigilante?

I am still American only! believe that our age is predestined - but that we must all play our parts in this age, and maybe it was my work to glance up from my porch July 4th — to an illusion - not delusion — saucer!

Again this will be consigned to the address (Accident Insurance Protection and attention Set Eye Post by Rally to Shoulder)

Should "fallacious" have glasses with accident reducing frames which are specially designed for her environment to reduce the danger of eye injury? Her memory is not really as impaired as it seems - she is still afraid for obvious reasons - but "illusions" do not help her.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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[redacted] SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: August 5, 1947

To: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney, Chief, Security Group

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] b7c

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual, together with copies of a newspaper clipping enclosure, concerning "flying discs."

[redacted] b7c letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

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Gentlemen:

On July 7th 1947, 10:30 P.M. [redacted] my mother in law and I witnessed a flaming object which dropped in street in front of our house at [redacted] Omaha Nebr.

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Upon examination, the object was solid and had form of round circular disc, approximately the size of a silver dollar and 1/4" thick, burning with extreme heat.

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The World Herald Newspaper was notified and reporter was sent out.

In the mean time, a boy picked

the object & & and it fell in
pieces.

When the reporter arrived he scooped up the fragments and said he would have them analyzed.

Your attention is directed to attached analyses.

There were six people who actually saw the object and can testify to the extreme heat at which it was burning.

We did not claim it was one of the so called "flying saucer" or any such phenomena but we feel were some kind of a reasonable explanation because if this object had dropped on a busy city, it would have certainly set fire.

We can definitely say it

was not tobacco ashes as
expressed by [redacted] b7c
It burned with such extreme
heat as to scorch pavement on and
near pavement where it lay
Possibly this could have
been a late Fourth of July
firework or something similar
but at any rate we are calling
it to your attention as the
answer the "learned" [redacted] b7c
gave as lung pipe ashes is full
of ridicule an entirely unsatisfactory

Yours sincerely

[redacted] b7c

Omaha Nebraska

'Flying Saucer' Just Someone's Pipe Dream

The "flying saucer" that fell near 2319 Himebaugh Avenue Monday evening was nothing but "ashes from somebody's pipe dream."

So says Dr. C. L. Kenny, head of the chemistry department at the Creighton College of Dentistry. He had two students analyze the ashes. They found sodium, potassium, iron, aluminum, carbonate, sulphate and unburnt carbon, he said.

"This is the same analysis you would get from ordinary pipe tobacco," Dr. Kenny said.

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[redacted] b7C

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DIRECTOR ROUTEIN

RE FLYING DISCS, MISCELLANEOUS. Disc [redacted] REPORTED FOUND BY [redacted] b7C

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WEEKS. Flying Saucers satisfied

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Dear Sir, B. D.:

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It is my opinion about those "flying discs" reported seen over, Kentuky, new Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, South Carolinia and Eastern Canada that some Europe-an country is using them by filling them up with germs or highly explosives, and after a couple thousand miles they drop their contents and dissappear.

I suggest that you keep

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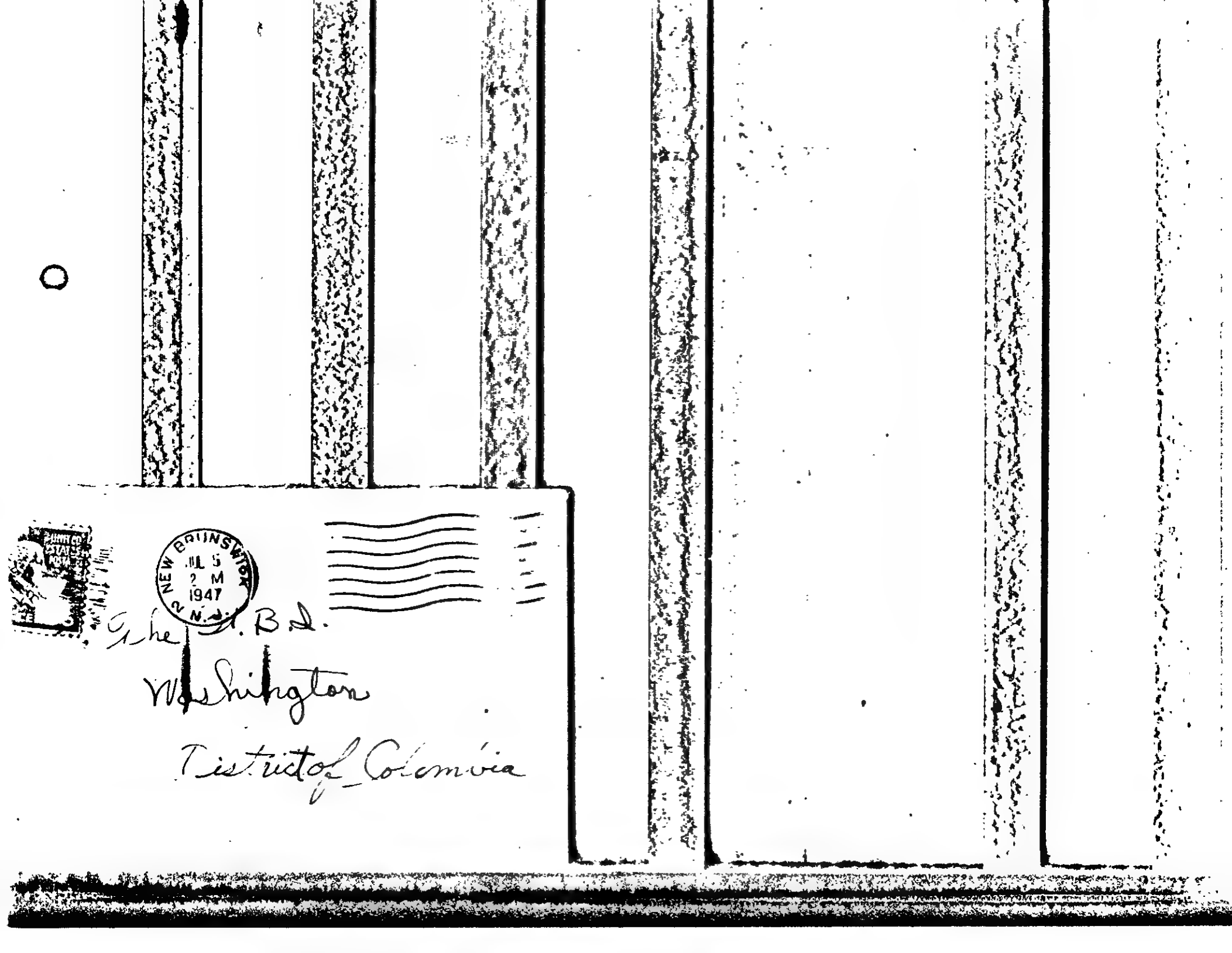
lots of disinfectant on hand.
Or else something might happen
to us in the United States.

From

a friend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[redacted] About Saucers

Priest Finds 'Whirring' Disc In Yard and Holds It for FBI

Chicago, July 6 (U.P.).—A Catholic priest at Grafton, Wis., said tonight that a round, metal disc, which might be one of the mysterious "flying saucers," had crashed into his parish yard and that he is holding it for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Rev. Joseph Brasky of St. Joseph's Church at Grafton, 45 miles north of Milwaukee, said he heard a swishing and whirring noise this morning. A second later, he said, he heard a thud and a mild explosion.

He investigated and found a sheet metal disc about 18 inches in diameter, resembling a circular saw blade.

"The object still was warm, weighed about four or five pounds and was about one eighth of an inch thick," he said.

There was a hole about one inch in diameter in the middle of the disc, he said, and in the opening were "gadgets and some wires."

The priest said he did not know if his discovery were important or whether it might be an elaborate practical joke. He said he had notified the FBI of his find. H. K. Johnson of the Milwaukee FBI office said he hadn't heard yet about the disc but that an official report might be at his office.

The flying discs have been reported "seen" by persons in 30 States, but Brasky's disc was the first one that actually had been found—if that is what was found.

His report came a few hours after a military plane made an unsuccessful speed dash in an attempt to track down one of the discs and the Army and scientists sought to ascertain whether coast-to-coast reports about the discs zooming through the sky were fact or fancy.

Army planes scoured the northwest Pacific skies for them without success today and one "eyewitness" even reported having seen one of the discs take off in Arizona. A St. Louis railroad man exhibited some paper "discs" he said he had seen floating over St. Louis.

The flying saucers which have been reported skimming through America's skies at speeds up to 1200 miles have eluded the usually keen eye of radar.

Capt. Tom Brown of the Army Air Forces public relations st[illegible]

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He later denied that he found it in the church

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said the Army Airways Communications Service had reported late yesterday that so far its radar scopes throughout the country have been unable to pick up any strange objects in flight.

And in the Pacific Northwest—where most of the fly-happy platters have been reported—the Army has radar equipment which can pierce fog and darkness and pick up objects in the sky 200 miles away.

Even so, Brown acknowledged that the Air Forces had decided "there's something to this" and had been checking it for 10 days.

"And we still haven't the slightest idea what they could be," he added.

And a new wrinkle—the reported landing of a fleet of eight skimming platters—was reported from Idaho in full view of 10 persons. A. Dishman, Idaho housewife, said she and others in her party had seen the saucers land on a mountainside near St. Maries, Idaho.

She said they came into view at an extreme speed, suddenly slowed, and then "fluttered like leaves to the ground."

"The mysterious part was that we couldn't see them after they landed," she said. "We could see them flutter down into the timber yet we couldn't see that they did anything to the trees."

She said she hoped to hike into the timber tomorrow and search for the objects which she said were saucer-shaped but resembled washtubs more than disks and were "about the size of a five-room house."

Locally, Hazen Kennedy of 2615 4th st. ne. reported he had seen one passing over the Northeast section of the city at about 8:40 p. m.

This would be the first one reported over the District, although others have been reported over nearby Maryland.

Kennedy, who has 125 hours flying time as a student pilot in the Army Air Forces to his credit, said he believed the saucer he had seen was traveling at "well over" 1000 miles an hour at an altitude of between 1200 and 1500 feet.

"The best way I can describe it," said Kennedy, "was that it looked like an orange lamp bulb without the socket. It was going faster than any jet plane I've ever seen."

In Hagerstown, Md., Mrs. Madlyn Ganoe, 30, said she had seen five of the discs, racing in 2-1-2 formation at "terrific speed," from her backporch. "They sounded like a faraway train," she said.

In the wake of these new eye-witness accounts came a new series of comments, and explanations, but most of them were tinged with a slight tendency to laugh off the whole thing.

Dr. Winfred Overholser, nationally known psychiatrist and superintendent of St. Elizabeths Hospital here, said it "has some of the earmarks of being national hysteria."

"Everytime someone comes up with a sea-serpent story," said Dr. Overholser, "others with vivid imaginations are sure they have seen the same thing.

"The critical faculty in man, the last one he received, is still not very well developed. Scratch the surface and you find the same mass hysteria which predominated during the witchcraft scare. Some persons are quite ready to see things and follow beliefs."

Dr. Overholser said that when he made his rounds of the mental patients yesterday at St. Elizabeths not a one commented on the flying saucers story.

"I think they may be a little skeptical," he added.

However, Dr. Overholser said he wasn't trying to dismiss the matter as a joke "because there are so many strange things going on today that one can't be sure."

Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, noted aircraft designer, told The Post by telephone from New York that until he sees a flying saucer he "wouldn't like to pass judgment."

He agreed with Dr. Overholser that much if not all of the story may be because of hysteria.

"After all," he said, "we are more or less an hysterical Nation."

Major de Seversky said it was possible that the persons who claim to have seen the aerial discs have instead glimpsed the exhaust of jet-propelled planes.

He conceded, too, that they might be guided missiles let loose as part of an experiment, but added:

"I don't think the Government would fire them so promiscuously. They would test them in one spot, in an isolated area, like they did the atomic bomb."

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who as Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research and Development would know if the saucers involved experiments with guided missiles, commented:

"Whatever these people have seen it hasn't been anything resulting from experiments by the Army Air Forces. As for as I'm concerned there's nothing to it at all. The whole thing is un-

There's b... ...h said about guide... ...w," he said.

Howard W. ...ee, Associated Press science editor, said the whole business may be an optical illusion.

"At any distance which is close to the limit of how far a person can see," he wrote, "all objects appear round or nearly so. This law of sight covers both small things seen nearby and large ones at great distances.

"The one outstanding fact about virtually all the saucers is that they had no structure—they seemed merely round and flat. That description fits exactly with the tricks that eyes play. This trickiness varies with differences in weather and lighting."

However, Nova Hart, St. Louis mechanic who was trained during service in the war to spot all types of aircraft, yesterday offered a minute description of one of the flying patterns which he claimed he saw flying at an altitude of about 300 feet.

Reporter Sees One

He described it as circular with a ribbed framework and silver gray in color. He said it appeared to have a motor with a propeller attached in the center and that it kept turning like an airplane doing a slow roll.

Although many explanations have been offered, none has been convincing. A Los Angeles newspaper quoted an unnamed nuclear physicist as saying the silvery discs resulted from experiments in the "transmutation of atomic energy."

This report was rapidly herded into the hoax column by David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and several prominent atomic scientists.

Starr Expects Word

Louis E. Starr, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced Saturday at Columbus, Ohio, that he was expecting "momentarily" information from Washington which would explain the dashing discs. But the message never arrived.

The Air Forces said that Gen. Carl Spaatz, Air Forces chief, was in the Pacific Northwest where most of the saucers have been reported, but added that his trip there was planned two months ago, long before the saucers scare. General Spaatz is expected back in Washington late tomorrow.

Muroc Army Air Field in California had a P-80 jet fighter standing by, and the National Guard in Oregon had prepared six regular fighters to give chase should saucers be reported nearby.

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SECTION 2

DATE: 9/4/47

Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
MISCELLANEOUS

The attached newspaper clipping appeared in the "Morning News" of Wilmington Delaware, July 8, 1947. It reports that a HORACE WENYON, 123 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, an aircraft pilot, had disclosed that in the past ten months he had twice seen flying discs which he was reported to have described as "flying mayonnaise jars." He was reported to have seen the first flying disc during September, 1946, and to have noted another such object on June 2, 1947.

Mr. WENYON was quoted as having called the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised that the Bureau was not interested, whereupon he notified the Eastern Airlines and the Civil Aeronautic Authority of the objects he had seen. Both agencies are reported to have accepted the information stating they would investigate. The clipping further stated that Mr. WENYON had received no answer to date from either agency.

This clipping was submitted to me by the resident agents' office at Wilmington together with the advice that no agent in Wilmington had been contacted by Mr. WENYON. I directed Mr. WENYON be interviewed to determine the full facts.

Mr. WENYON was interviewed and it was determined that his correct name is HORACE P. WENYON. Mr. WENYON advised that he had been an airplane pilot approximately thirty years. He stated that in September of 1946, while flyi at an altitude of 1,000 feet, two or three miles south of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, he noticed a projectile approximately fifteen inches in diameter which crossed his course at right angles and was moving in a west-to-east direction. According to Mr. WENYON, several jets of flame were spurting from the object and it was traveling at a very high rate of speed, 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour. He stated that in October of 1946, he observed a similar projectile while flying over Rehoboth Beach at 1,400 feet. This was also traveling from west to east.

Mr. WENYON stated that there is little question in his mind but that what he saw was some sort of rocket being tested. He stated that he wished to call the matter to the attention of the appropriate authority inasmuch as he thought that the series of airplane crashes that have occurred recently might in part be explained by what he had observed. He stated that he had reported the information to the Civil Aeronautics Authority and had been telephonically interviewed by a reporter from the Wilmington "Morning News".

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'ayonnaise Jars' d by Rehoboth Pilot

on Believes Mystery Discs, ed, May Have Caused Big rash on Memorial Day

pilot, Forrest Wenyon of 123 Rehoboth Avenue, ed last night that in the past 10 months he has being loosely described as "flying saucers" but mayonnaise jars."

erence between the mysterious objects of Mr. hose which have now been observed in some 40 states in that the former, according to the pilot, held a true course until they disappeared from sight.

This would indicate a guided or at least an aimed missile while the course of the "saucers" has been described by observers as erratic.

Mr. Wenyon said last night that he first saw what loosely resembled a "flying mayonnaise jar" one afternoon last September while flying at about 1,000 feet. It was late in the afternoon and the pilot was flying north.

Suddenly, at an estimated distance of 2,000 feet in front of his plane and traveling from west to east, Mr. Wenyon saw the "jar." It was going at tremendous speed but the pilot was able to note several things.

The most important of these observations, insofar as an explanation is possible, is that the "jar" appeared to have some sort of rocket combustion. Mr. Wenyon said that spurts of silver flame from the tail seemed to provide the propulsion.

Carrying out the description of the "flying mayonnaise jar," Mr. Wenyon said that the tail appeared to be a lid which had been perforated and that from these perforations the flames escaped.

In a matter of two, at the most three, seconds the object had disappeared over and past Fort Miles. The pilot did not see it land and doesn't know whether it did or not.

Then on June 2 while flying at 1,400 feet in a Stinson four-passenger ship Mr. Wenyon, a pilot of 30

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ranged from the theory that they were radio controlled flying missiles sent aloft by U. S. military scientists to the suggestion that they might be merely sun light reflected on wing tanks of jet-propelled planes.

A. B. Cross of Chattanooga, Tenn., a 34-year-old watchmaker, announced he invented the "flying saucer" and submitted it to the War Department in 1943 but his idea was rejected as not practical "at the present time."

Later, he said, he became convinced that the department elaborated on his plan. His model was powdered with a rubber band. Cross said, but he believed atomic power now is being used.

A Spokane, Wash., woman insisted the objects she saw were of such size that together they would take up the space of a five-room house if they landed, but a Clearwater, Fla., woman said the disks she observed resembled "pie pans."

At Rutland, Vt., a woman reported she and her husband witnessed a brilliant object in the night sky which she assumed to be a "flying saucer" although it was stationary.

But at Cambridge, Mass., a housewife said she saw "a group of white, flying saucers whirling around and going at a tremendous speed."

The Massachusetts and Vermont reports brought to 40 the number of states in which the objects have been observed.

With New England getting into the game, the Harvard University astronomical observatory took note of the reports but said it had had no luck so far in photographing one of the discs.

The mysterious saucers first were reported June 25 in the State of Washington, but Charlie T. Hamlet, superintendent of the Kingsport, Tenn., Times News composing room, said yesterday he had seen the discs two years ago.

They were "of a bright, aluminum color" and "were going at terrific speed," Hamlet said, explaining he kept quiet about them because of

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Mr. WENYON stated that what he had seen traveled at such a high rate of speed that it was very difficult to describe it, but the description "flying mayonnaise jars" was concocted by the newspaper reporter.

This information has not been brought to the attention of any Army sources in view of the fact that only a preliminary inquiry was conducted on the basis of a news article which sets forth essentially the facts obtained from Mr. WENYON.

No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR D. M. LADD

Colonel [redacted], Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California, telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] of the San Francisco Office at 10:40 AM on August 27, 1947, that a personal letter had been received by his organization from [redacted], city editor of the Seattle Times, which stated in effect that because there were so many stories going around relative to flying discs and related matters, and that his staff of reporters had been attempting to get reliable information concerning such stories, he was writing to inquire whether any governmental agency was going to make an official statement relative to the situation pertaining to the flying discs; that [redacted] also asked whether it would be permissible for his reporters to interview [redacted] relative to this situation.

Colonel [redacted] stated that the above-mentioned letter was answered personally by General [redacted] on August 25, 1947, and advised Mr. [redacted] that as far as the Army Air Force was concerned, they had no information which would definitely clear up the situation; that as far as interviewing personnel, Mr. [redacted] could feel free to interview whomsoever he desired, in that there was no censorship at the present time; that in the interest of economy, the Fourth Air Force Headquarters would not run out every lead or report of flying discs, but that if well-founded and apparently reliable information were received, that such information would be given attention.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Seattle Field Division for any action deemed advisable.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

Reference is made to my letter of August 8, 1947, with which there were transmitted photostatic copies of three letters dated August 4, 1947, entitled, "Investigation of Flying Discs".

In order to keep the Bureau fully informed concerning this matter, I am enclosing a letter dated July 23, 1947, entitled, "Unidentified Objects" furnished to me by Lt. Colonel [redacted] CIC, AC of S G-2. Enclosed with this letter was a memorandum for the officer in charge written by [redacted], Jr., Special Agent CIC AAF dated July 16, 1947. b7C

Lt. Colonel [redacted] furnished me in person with a memorandum entitled, "Incident for AF 1339-I" dated August 6, 1947, and report by [redacted] Special Agent CIC AAF. b7C

The Bureau will be kept currently advised of any future information obtained in this matter.

[redacted] b7C

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Incident
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August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 6 August 1947, this agent interviewed [redacted] the assistant operations officer in the 416th AAF Sq, Building 396, Hamilton Field, California, regarding flying objects in the air. [redacted] stated in substance: He is an [redacted] in the 416th Training Unit. On 29 July at 1450, [redacted] and a student, [redacted] Berkeley, California, landed and parked at A-1 near the control building 88 of the 416th AAF Sq. [redacted] walking from the aircraft toward reserve operations, and looking westward just over the hangars [redacted] saw a P-80 flying southward toward Oakland. Above this P-80 at approximately 8,000 to 10,000 feet in altitude, [redacted] saw two flying objects traveling the same direction as the P-80. The [redacted] judged the solid, white, somewhat shiny objects were approximately 15 to 25 feet in diameter. [redacted] stated that he would not call them discs due to the publicity these objects have been given but in shape they were circular, like a ball on the bottom, but not completely round. [redacted] specifically stated that those objects were not airplanes.

The first flying object was traveling straight and level whereas the second was close behind the first, same altitude, only it seemed to be going from left to right and right to left, more or less like a guard in an aircraft formation. [redacted] further stated that the speed of these two objects made a P-80 look as if it was motionless in the air.

The sky was clear, consequently [redacted] watched the two objects until they disappeared in Tilden, supposedly over Oakland, headed toward the ocean.

Due to the noise of the P-80, no sound of any kind could be heard from these flying objects.

These objects did not leave any vapor, smoke, or any visible trails along their flight path.

[redacted] informed this agent he had never told anyone about these flying objects, fearing that people would think he was crazy.

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] showed extreme sincerity throughout the interview, answering all questions with caution and assurance.

JAMES A. NELSON, Special Agent, CIC 4AF

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Headquarters Fourth Air Force
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Headquarters
Hamilton Field, California

28 July 1947

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

To: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California

Enclosed herewith is information copy of AOIC, subject as above, dated 1 July 1947.

DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt Col, GSC
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Enclosure
Info Copy AOIC,
dtd 1 July 1947

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.
4 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 4 July 1947, [redacted] 170th AAF Base Unit, Ferry Division, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas was interviewed and the following information was obtained:

Captain Williams stated that on 28 June 1947 in a P-51 [redacted] departed Portland, Oregon, by the way of Medford, Oregon. At approximately 1515 CST on a course of 300 degrees and ground speed of 285, altitude 10,000 feet, approximately thirty miles northwest of Lake Meade, Nevada [redacted] sighted five or six white, circular objects at four o'clock, altitude approximately 6,000 feet, bound approximately 120 degrees and said the objects were flying [redacted] an estimated speed of 285 MPH. The estimated size of the white objects were approximately 36 inches in diameter. [redacted] stated very smoothly and in a slight formation. [redacted] that he [redacted] the white objects were not birds since the rate of closure was too fast. [redacted] Armstrong was certain that the white objects were not jets of conventional type aircraft since he has flown both types.

(Author's Note)

[redacted] was very unsure in the explanation and was not the [redacted] He merely stated that he saw and has drawn no conclusions as to what the white objects were.

Lawrence R. Kline, Jr., Special Agent, CIC, AAF

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R. D. STEPHENS
Major, Air Corps

FBI/DOJ

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

AIRMAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1947, from Lt. Col. [redacted] of A-2, Hamilton Field, Calif., with an attachment referring to the sighting of a flying object by Captain [redacted] and his co-pilot, [redacted], near Bethel, Alaska. b7C

Photostatic copies of this letter and attachment are being forwarded to the Anchorage Field Office. In accordance with Bureau Bulletin #42, dated July 30, 1947, Anchorage is requested to interview Captain [redacted] and his co-pilot, [redacted], preferably separately, in order to obtain all details of their reported sighting of a flying object on August 4, 1947. The San Francisco Field Office should be furnished two copies of the results of these interviews for distribution to the Sixth Army Intelligence. b7C

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cc Anchorage (Encls.)
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SIGAK 000 ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, SIGNAL CORPS ACSAD
Seattle 4, Washington
19 August 1947

Subject: Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding General
Fourth Air Force
San Francisco, California

The attached letter has been received from the NCOIC of the Alaska Communication System station at Bethel, Alaska. It is submitted for your information.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Svend C. Hansen
SVEND C. HANSEN
Captain, Signal Corps
Acting Executive

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HQ FOURTH AIR FORCE, Hamilton Field, California, 28 August 1947.

TO: Special Agent In Charge, FBI, U. S. Department of Justice, Room 422, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded for your information.

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Lt. Colonel, GSC
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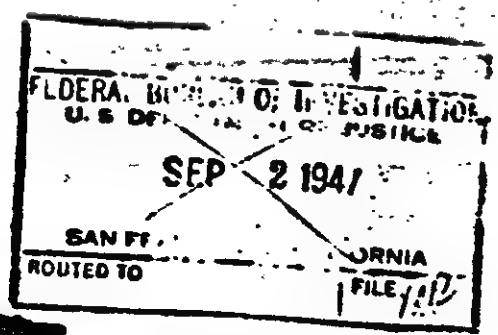

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[redacted] ALASKA

8 August 1947

Subject: Matters of National Interest

To: Commanding Officer, Alaskan Communication System
650 Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington

1. Per AAC/3 SIB/1 the following report is submitted on a matter which may become of National Interest. [redacted] and his CoPilot [redacted] have stated that on August 4, 1947 they sighted and followed a flying saucer Northwest of Bethel Alaska. This object was bigger than the Douglas DC-3 they were flying and crossed their course at right angles to them. It was flying at an altitude of one thousand feet. They swung in behind it and followed it at an air speed of one hundred seventy miles per hour but it was out of sight in four minutes. They state the object was smooth surfaced and streamlined with no visible means of propulsion whatever.

2. It is realized that the Fourth Air Force claims there are no such things but [redacted] for Al Jones Flying Service and is not a man given to exaggerations. Because of the excellent reputation of [redacted] and the fact that he does not doubt in the least but that he actually saw this object, this report is turned in for any action deemed necessary by your office.

/s/ Harold D. Johnston
1/4 Signal Corps
Operator in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director FBI

DATE: September 2, 1947

FROM : SAC Butte

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Remytel August 20, 1947.

With reference to the above-described teletype, Mr. [redacted] Twin Falls, Idaho, was the principal source of information. Mr. [redacted] who is the Executive Director of the [redacted] explained that he and his wife and Mrs. [redacted] a neighbor, were sitting on their front porch at approximately 9:30 P. M., August 19, 1947. He said that Mrs. [redacted] suddenly shouted and pointed to the sky and thereafter stated that she had seen an object traveling at a terrific rate of speed in a northeasterly direction. The object was out of sight before Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] could see anything.

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While they were discussing what Mrs. [redacted] had seen, approximately ten minutes later all three saw ten similar objects proceeding rapidly in the same direction in the form of a triangle. As the group of objects was disappearing, three of the objects on the left flank peeled off and proceeded in a more northerly direction. The remaining objects appeared to close ranks and proceeded in a northeasterly direction.

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From three to five minutes later these same individuals saw another group of three objects proceeding in the same direction, and again in the shape of a triangle. From three to five minutes later all three observed another group in a triangular formation consisting of five or six objects. They were proceeding in the same direction.

A few minutes later the three persons saw a large group of objects estimated at from thirty-five to fifty flying in a triangular formation in the same direction. Approximately twenty or twenty-five minutes after the large group of objects was observed, similar objects were noted coming back over the city in a southwesterly direction. These objects were generally in groups of three, five and seven and followed each other at approximately five minute intervals.

Mrs. [redacted] called Detecti[redacted] of the Twin Falls Police Department, a next door neighbor, who was then accompanied by [redacted] also members of the Twin Falls Police Department. The three officers watched for a few minutes and observed a group of about twelve objects flying in formation over the city in a southwesterly direction. The members of the Police Department did not continue watching, although Mr. [redacted] later saw other groups, which were also seen by the [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] had also called her husband, who saw some of the objects.

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On the night in question the sky was overcast and the objects could not be seen closely; however, they were distinct enough so that all persons could observe what they described as a glow going through the air. They said that the objects appeared to be lighted from the inside and were of a color similar to regular electric lights.

Detective [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] both stated that they could not be meteors or comets, that they flew on a level line and did not appear to drop. They flew at a terrific rate of speed and were visible for only a few minutes at a time. Both persons interviewed said that the objects could not have been geese or ducks and that the lights were not a reflection of the city lights on some object or objects. b7C

None of the persons interviewed noticed any flames or anything except the glow of lights. None of the persons who claimed to have seen these objects were drinking at the time. No other persons in Twin Falls reported seeing the objects mentioned herein; however, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] stated that it was purely by accident that they had seen the objects and that they would not have seen them unless they were looking for them, because of the speed at which they traveled. On account of the overcast sky they were unable to estimate the size of the objects or the height at which they flew. b7C

No further investigation is being conducted by the Butte Office, and the case is being closed.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI - Attention: Assistant Director D. M. LADD

DATE: July 28, 1947

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

There is transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau a report received from Lieutenant [redacted] A-2, Hamilton Field, California, containing the results of an investigation by his office concerning the reported sighting of flying discs. b7C

In addition to containing the detailed descriptions of what was allegedly seen by several persons, the Bureau's attention is particularly called to the first memorandum setting forth the notes of Agent [redacted] CIC, Fourth Air Force, concerning an interview he had with Mr. [redacted] Box 387, Boise, Idaho, who reported that on July 12, 1947 he had seen nine strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State. It will be noted that CIC Agent [redacted] reports that "Mr. [redacted] is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the United States Army Air Forces and the FBI for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner." b7C

The thought has occurred to me that the Bureau might desire to have an agent of the Butte Office contact Mr. [redacted] and explain to him our lack of jurisdiction in such matters. b7C

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Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2

Hamilton Field, California

TITLE Flying Discs.

FILE NO. 333.5 ID (4AF-1208-I)

DATE 18 July 1947

INVESTIGATION MADE AT Palm Springs, Calif., Boise, Idaho, and Hamilton Field, California.

CONTROLLING OFFICE Air Defense Command

PERIOD COVERED From 10 Jul 47 to 18 Jul 47

CASE CLASSIFICATION Incident

STATUS OF CASE Pending

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

Investigation initiated at the request of Headquarters Air Defense Command reference letter Headquarters Air Defense Command, dated 7 July 47, File D333.5 ID, subject: Investigation of Flying Discs.

SYNOPSIS:

Flying Discs first reported in this area 24 June 1947 near Mt. Rainier, Wash., by [redacted] (Incl 1, Exhibit A) b6

Unidentified object reported 9 July 1947 at approximately 1277 near Boise, Idaho, by [redacted] Idaho Daily Statesman. (Incl 2, Exhibit B) b6

Unidentified objects reported by [redacted] United Air Lines Pilot, 4 July 1947, eight minutes out of Boise, Idaho. (Incl 3 MOIC, Incl 7 News Clippings dated 5 July 1947)

Record check of law enforcement agencies, public utilities, and local residences revealed no record of [redacted] in Palm Springs. (Incl 4) b6

Unidentified objects reported 8 July 1947 at 1245, traveling northeast over Hamilton Field by [redacted] (Incl 5, Exhibit I) b6

Unidentified objects reported over Grand Canyon, Arizona, 0910 MST by [redacted] USF (Incl 6) and in vicinity of Lake Mead by [redacted] Hq Tenth Air Force, Brooks Field, Texas. (Incl 6). b6

Extent of publicity in local area indicated by press clippings. (Incl 7)

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DONALD L. SPRINGER
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JUL 24 1947

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 110
1 April 1944
(This form supersedes W. D., O. C. S. Form No. 19, which will not be used upon receipt of this revision)

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16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, [redacted], Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by [redacted] that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of [redacted] is attached to this report as Exhibit A, b6

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. [redacted] has recently purchased a [redacted] recently purchased a [redacted] in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [redacted] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if [redacted] can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. [redacted] is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by [redacted] in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which [redacted] claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by [redacted] in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by [redacted] in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although [redacted] has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. [redacted] stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. [redacted] stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote [redacted] directly, "if I saw a ten story building b6 b6 b6

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flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

1 Incl: Exhibit "A"

FRANK M. BROWN, C/A, CIC 4th AF

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CIVIL LIFE DATA [redacted]

I was born [redacted]. My father's name was [redacted] I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family moved to Scobey, Montana, where they homesteaded. My grandfather, [redacted] also homesteaded in Scobey, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles along with [redacted] the famous [redacted] 66

I went to grade school and high school at Minot, North Dakota. I entered scouting at twelve years of age and achieved the rank of Eagle scout before I was fourteen. My former scout executive was [redacted] now a [redacted] for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was [redacted] I entered the U. S. Olympic trials in [redacted] I taught swimming and diving at scout camps and the municipal pool in Minot, North Dakota. I went to the University of Minnesota, where I swam and did fancy diving under [redacted] and also played football under [redacted] but upon entering college I was unable to continue my football career because of an injured knee. My high school football coach was [redacted] who is now the [redacted] I had little or no finances, and my ambition in furthering my education in college was through my athletics. As a boy in Minot, North Dakota, I did a good deal of dog sled racing, [redacted] 66

In 1938 I went to work for [redacted] a manufacturer of automatic fire fighting apparatus. In 1939 I was made [redacted] for their over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I established my own [redacted] I have been working on [redacted] 66

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lesson from [redacted] who was originally from Great Falls, Montana. Due to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by [redacted] senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the last [redacted] covering my entire territory with some and flying from forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a [redacted] airplane, which is an airplane designed for high altitude take-offs and short rough field use. 66

In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed in 823 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

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The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, as impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted any notoriety for just accidently being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the [redacted] 66 at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the southwest side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this high plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximately 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left and the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet plane. I was determined to clock their speed, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed

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airplanes flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air forces had planes that went very fast.

What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket with - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furtherest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, what I had just observed kept going through my mind. I became more disturbed, so after taking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yakima.

I might add that complete observation of these objects, which I could even follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two and one-half or three minutes -- although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am making a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier.

When these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or to be coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western Air Lines employees, the Cedar City, Utah (pilot), gentleman from Oklahoma City and the locomotive engineer in Illinois, plus [redacted] and Co-Pilot [redacted] of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these saucer-like disks were at quite a great height and there is a possiblity that all of the people who observed peculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did; but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision. 66

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world, principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one - - but, to continue further with my story. When I landed at the Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote [redacted] a former Army Air Forces pilot who is now [redacted], "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government." 66

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole ordeal as not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did

observe something that at least Mr. John Doe on the street corner or Pete Andrews on the ranch has never heard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from those two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different occasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military Intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

My pilot's license is [redacted] I fly a [redacted] it is a three-place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured at Afton, Wyoming as an extremely high performance, high altitude airplane that was made for mountain work. The national certificate of my plane is [redacted]

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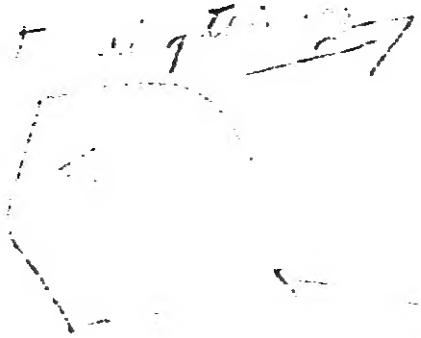
/s/ [redacted]



They seemed longer than wide, their thickness was about 1/20th of their width

Mirror Bright

They did not appear to me to whirl or spin but seemed in fixed position, traveling as I have made drawing. [redacted]

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